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## ***SENATE BILL NO. 2866***

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

**SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 ..... \$ 338,388,993.00.

**SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from

any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 ..... \$ 807,974,579.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3258, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017:

- Alcorn State University ..... \$254,700.00
- Jackson State University ..... \$390,600.00
- Mississippi Valley State University ..... \$254,700.00

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2)

or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall insure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

**SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the amount of One Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$157,500.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a three-week tuition-free program.

**SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

- (a) For Mississippi State University as interest on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of university land, the sum of ..... \$ 14,387.00.
- (b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on original seminary fund, the sum of ..... \$ 32,643.00.
- (c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on 1904 land grant fund, the sum of ..... \$ 9,965.00.
- (d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum of ..... \$ 1,420.00.
- (e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United States

government, the sum of ..... \$ 9,389.00.

(f) For Alcorn State University as interest  
on land script and land sales funds,  
the sum of ..... \$ 12,592.00.

**SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University,  
Delta State University, Jackson State University,  
Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for  
Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University  
of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi  
for the sum of ..... \$ 51,303,231.00.

**SECTION 10.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, Nineteen Million Three Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$19,367,000.00) shall be available to be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of defraying the costs associated with the implementation of the Ayers Settlement as follows:

Ayers-related programs at Alcorn State University, Jackson  
State University and Mississippi Valley State University .....  
..... \$13,467,000.00  
Ayers Endowment Fund ..... \$ 5,000,000.00

Interest on the Ayers Endowment Fund..... \$ 900,000.00

**SECTION 11.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

**SECTION 12.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

**SECTION 13.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of both houses of the Mississippi Legislature by January 1, 2017, a consolidated report for all the several institutions under its jurisdiction, on forms and in a manner to be prescribed by the Legislative Budget Committee, which reflects the anticipated current restricted fund revenues for the 2017 fiscal year, and the budgeted use of such current restricted funds by major object category. For purposes of this section, the term "current restricted funds" shall be defined as those public funds available for financing university operations which are limited by the

donor, or by an agency external to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, to specific purposes, programs, departments or schools, but shall not include endowment funds or private gifts exempted under the provisions of Section 27-103-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2018 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request process.

**SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

**SECTION 16.** No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

**SECTION 17.** The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the



institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

**SECTION 18.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 19.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2017
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,192
Beginning Baseline: 11,405	
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,488
Beginning Baseline: 4,135	
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate)	
Awarded in the Fields of STEM, Health, &	
Education	7,282
Beginning Baseline: 7,145	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	

per 100 Undergraduate FTE Enrollment	20.40
Beginning Baseline: 19.80	
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per	
100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	33.60
Beginning Baseline: 35.70	
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Beginning Baseline: 13,891	
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132
Beginning Baseline: 9,698	

#### Research

Number of Patents Obtained in Emerging	
Technologies	21

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2018.

**SECTION 20.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities ..... \$ 2,000,000.00.

**SECTION 21.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following

amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch .....  
..... \$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center ..... \$ 550,000.00.

SECTION 24. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center .... \$ 350,000.00.

SECTION 25. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 26. None of the state general funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 27. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation.....  
..... \$ 675,000.00.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$197,536.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 29. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 30. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following

amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta  
Center for Culture and Learning ..... \$ 200,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for  
the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

**SECTION 31.** Of the funds provided herein to the Board of  
Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following  
amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated  
to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic  
Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program .....  
..... \$ 75,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's  
university and college students to gain real-life experience  
working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships  
at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State  
University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University  
for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, the University of  
Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A  
written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship  
recipients by university to the Chairmen and members of the Senate  
and House Appropriations Committees.

**SECTION 32.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized  
for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which  
a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

**SECTION 33.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
of Section 1, an amount not more than Nine Hundred Sixteen

Thousand Dollars (\$916,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

**SECTION 34.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the amount of Two Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$265,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the Dubard School.

**SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following sum is for the Southwest Mississippi Center Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending  
June 30, 2017.....\$ 300,000.00.

**SECTION 37.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

**SECTION 38.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

**SECTION 39.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop a report regarding the high cost of higher education in Mississippi with recommendations on the following issues: (a) the rising costs of tuition; (b) the effect that rising tuition costs have on Student Financial Aid and student debt; (c) methods to stabilize the increasing costs of higher education in Mississippi; and (d) the viability of out-of-state tuition waivers. The board shall submit this report in writing to the members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee no later than December 31, 2016.

If the aforementioned report is not submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, the State Fiscal Officer shall not release any of the additional funds appropriated herein on or after January 1, 2017.

**SECTION 40.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 and allocated in Section 10, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Working-Cash Stabilization Reserve Fund as created under Section 27-103-203, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 41.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency

shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

**SECTION 42.** Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.....\$ 9,200,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University.....	\$ 484,443.00
Delta State University.....	\$ 458,006.00
Mississippi State University (including the Forest and Wildlife Research Center and the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine).....	\$ 2,594,557.00
Mississippi University for Women.....	\$ 375,879.00
Mississippi Valley State University.....	\$ 382,974.00



University of Mississippi (including	
University of Mississippi Medical	
Center).....	\$ 3,159,302.00
University of Southern Mississippi.....	\$ <u>1,744,839.00</u>
Total.....	\$9,200,000.00

No funds under this section shall be expended for institution/agency administrative costs, including, but not limited to, institution/agency employee salaries or travel. Any funds so transferred that are not expended within the fiscal year received shall be returned to the Capital Expense Fund unless such funds are specifically reappropriated by the Legislature to that institution/agency. Expenditure of all funds under this section shall be reported to the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Such report shall be made no later than December 31, 2016, and shall include at least the following information for each institution/agency receiving such funds: name of each project, scope of each project, total budget of each project, name of prime professional for each project, and source/amount of any other project funds if applicable.

**SECTION 43.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Board

of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of establishing the School of Public Health at Jackson State University for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.....\$ 1,800,000.00

**SECTION 44.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of Two Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand Fifty-seven Dollars (\$279,057.00) shall be derived from unexpended balances in Ayers program funds provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by the Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

Jackson State University.....	\$ 41,506.00
Mississippi Valley State University.....	\$ 237,551.00

**SECTION 45.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to the funds provided from court assessments and allocated to the agency during Fiscal Year 2015 be allocated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, except for the Dubard School for Language Disorders Fund which is decreased by Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$8,215.00).

**SECTION 46.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 47. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
and after July 1, 2016.

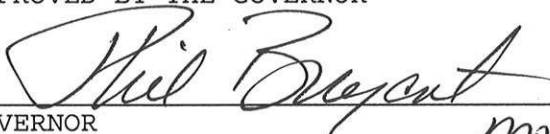
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